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- 1. COLLINS, E-SYSTEMS AND BOEING ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE GOR TEAM BEFORE THANKSGIVING. VISIT COULD COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 10 AND BE COMPLETED PY THANKSGIVING DAY. WE NEED IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED ITINERARY GIVEN BELOW.
- 2. PROPOSED ITINERARY:
- -- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10: ARRIVE NEW YORK (PRESUMABLY ON TAROM). IF TEAM INTENDS TO VISIT WASHINGTON, IT COULD PROCEED SAME DAY AND GO TO DALLAS EVENING OF NOVEMBER 11. IF TEAM WISHES TO SKIP WASHINGTON, IT COULD OVERNIGHT IN SECRET

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NEW YORK AND FLY TO DALLAS ON NOVEMBER 11.

- -- NOVEMBER 11 TO 17: COLLINS, DALLAS. EVENING OF NOVEMBER 17, FLY TO SEATTLE.
- -- NOVEMBER 17 TO 21: BOEING, SEATTLE. EVENING OF NOVEMBER 21, RETURN TO DALLAS FOR TALKS WITH E-SYSTEMS.
- -- NOVEMBER 21 TO 24: E-SYSTEMS, DALLAS. EVENING OF NOVEMBER 24 (THANKSGIVING EVE), FLY TO NEW YORK AND RETURN TO BUCHAREST ON NOVEMBER 25. (FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, COMPANY DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE TEAM ON HAND ON THIS TRADITIONAL FAMILY HOLIDAY).
- 3. GOR SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO SQUEEZE IN MEETINGS WITH ADDITIONAL COMPANIES ON SHORT NOTICE. THE SCHEDULE WITH THE THREE MAJOR SUPPLIERS IS ALREADY PRETTY TIGHT AND, PARTICULARLY DURING AND AFTER THANKS-GIVING WEEK, AIRLINE RESERVATIONS MAY BE HARD TO GET OR TO REARRANGE. IF THE TEAM MUST SEE OTHER FIRMS, WE NEED TO KNOW IMMEDIATELY SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE MEETINGS AS OF NOVEMBER 29. TEAM WILL HAVE TO BE TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT NO ONE CAN MEET WITH THEM DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 25-28. (FYI. IN THIS REGARD, COLLINS, E-SYSTEMS AND BOEING HAVE INDICATED THAT THE PERIOD BETWEEN THANKSGIVING AND THE END OF THE YEAR ALSO RESENTS PROBLEMS IN SEEING THE TEAM, BECAUSE MANY KEY PERSONNEL TAKE REMAINING ANNUAL LEAVE DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. END FYI)
- 4. WILL ROMANIAN EMBASSY AGAIN MAKE DOMESTIC TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOR TEAM, AS IT DID FOR SPATARU LAST JANUARY? AT THAT TIME, EMBASSY PURCHASED TICKETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ITINERARY WE PROVIDED. IN VIEW OF HEAVY HOLIDAY TRAFFIC, THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO BOOK RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY. ROBINSON

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